MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether the School will be able to accommodate 583 pupils?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: The present building can properly accommodate 452 pupils. But some excess strength is allowed in schools.

The Division Inspector of Schools, Tiruvalla.

241. ***MR. K. T. THOMAS**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have got the report of and resolutions accepted by a meeting of the public of Kunnanthanam in Tiruvalla taluk complaining against the Division Inspector of Schools, Tiruvalla; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action they have taken thereon?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Enquiries are being made.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether the Director is enquiring into the matter?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Yes. The enquiry is very nearly completed.

English Middle School at Chethakkal, Ranni.

242 ***MR. K. T. THOMAS**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction had an application for an English Middle School at Chethakkal, Ranni, in this school year

(*b*) whether the application has been granted and if not why;

(*c*) whether a representation in respect of it has been received from the public of the place;

(*d*) whether the Division Inspector, Tiruvalla, recommended against the grant of sanction before inspecting the proposed site; and

(*e*) whether the Director required the said Inspector to inspect the site?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The application has not been granted as the educationa needs of the locality are met by the existing schools.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Extra Interval to Muslim students on Fridays.

243. ***MR. M. K. MACKAR PILLAI** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in accordance with G. O. No. 1989/E. dated the 31st May 1919, an extra interval for on hour on Fridays is being generally allowed to Muslim pupils studying in departmental as well as recognised private schools in the State?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Yes.

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